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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

BENJAMIN CORTEZ-GOMEZ
a/k/a "Bennie Blanco" and
GUSTAVO URIEL GOMEZ-
HIPOLITO, a/k/a "Uriel Gomez"

Case No. 20 CR 422

Violations: Title 18, United States
Code, Sections 922(a)(1) and 922(g)(1)

COUNT ONE

The SPECIAL JANUARY 2020 GRAND JURY charges:

Beginning on or about March 31, 2020 and continuing to on or about July 27,
2020, at Chicago, in the Northern District of Illinois, and elsewhere,

BENJAMIN CORTEZ-GOMEZ
a/k/a "Bennie Blanco"

defendant herein, not being a licensed dealer within the meaning of Chapter 44, Title
18, United States Code, did willfully engage in the business of dealing in firearms;

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(a)(1)(A).

COUNT TWO

The SPECIAL JANUARY 2020 GRAND JURY further charges:

On or about July 27, 2020, at Chicago, in the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, and elsewhere,

BENJAMIN CORTEZ-GOMEZ, a/k/a "Bennie Blanco," and
GUSTAVO URIEL GOMEZ-HIPOLITO, a/k/a "Uriel Gomez"

defendants herein, knowing that BENJAMIN CORTEZ-GOMEZ had previously been convicted of a crime punishable by a term of imprisonment exceeding one year, did knowingly possess in and affecting interstate commerce, a firearm, namely,

- a. a Glock, model 19 Gen 5, 9mm caliber semiautomatic pistol bearing serial number BEYV090;
- b. a Heckler and Koch, model USP Compact, .45 caliber semiautomatic pistol, bearing serial number 29-034711;
- c. a Para-Ordnance, model Slim Hawg, .45 caliber semiautomatic pistol, bearing serial number P164305;
- d. a FNH USA, model FNS-40, .40 caliber semiautomatic pistol, bearing serial number GKU0023866;
- e. a Taurus, model 605, .357 caliber revolver bearing serial number ABD499368;
- f. a Smith & Wesson, model 5906, 9mm caliber semiautomatic pistol, bearing serial number TFC5982; and
- g. a Taurus, model 856, .38 caliber revolver, bearing serial number ABD486965.

which firearm had traveled in interstate commerce prior to BENJAMIN CORTEZ-GOMEZ's possession of the firearm;

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 2.

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

The SPECIAL JANUARY 2020 GRAND JURY alleges:

1. Upon conviction of an offense in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g), as set forth in Count Two of this Indictment, defendants shall forfeit to the United States of America any firearms and ammunition involved in and used in the offense, as provided in Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d)(1) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

2. The property to be forfeited includes, but is not limited to the following firearms and associated ammunition:

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- b. a Heckler and Koch, model USP Compact, .45 caliber semiautomatic pistol, bearing serial number 29-034711;
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- g. a Taurus, model 856, .38 caliber revolver, bearing serial number ABD486965.

A TRUE BILL:

FOREPERSON

Signed by Timothy J. Storino on behalf of the
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY